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## **OVERVIEW:**

The following is a list of some of the items in the Division of Social Services estimates to which we draw the county's attention. The narrative itself provides fuller detail on programs and funding availability anticipated.

- **Child Support**

Purchase of ACTS computers impact local budgets. Currently, the state provides computers to state-operated and locally operated CSE offices through the Seat Management Contract. The Seat management contract covers only limited maintenance costs and is currently under review for renewal. The contract does not provide for replacing computers. Counties will be responsible for computers, printers and other replacement hardware, software, license fees (including Novel), maintenance, and any other computer system related cost.

ACTS servers in local offices are reaching the end of their useful service life. The Division of Information and Resource Management (DIRM) has completed a comprehensive study of a replacement solution. Originally, ACTS servers were required to print documents from ACTS, store files and document templates and access ACTS. Access to ACTS is the only remaining dependency on the server. DIRM plans to install new network switches as soon as possible (schedule to be provided). This will eliminate all dependency on servers; therefore the Department will not purchase replacement servers.

Local Files currently stored on ACTS servers will need to be stored locally. Options may include: 1) PC hard drive, 2) agency or county servers.

- **Child Welfare**

### **Foster Care – Hold Harmless**

Session Law 2008-107 provided an increase to the Standard Board Rate for Adoption Assistance and Family Foster care assistance. Additionally, this law specified that counties and the state shall participate equally in the non-federal portion of the costs related for foster care assistance. Counties will not be required to participate in their share of the cost above the Standard Board Rate for placements made prior to October 31, 2008 if the county had an agreement with the provider for a county payment amount lesser than the new standard maximization (facility) rate. The state will make additional reimbursements to counties for the amount not reimbursed through the automated system. Counties have received their list of children from the assigned CPR and LBL and should direct any questions to these individuals.

### **P.L. 110-351; The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008**

The federal legislation has several components. For full version for the text, please see <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/billtext.xpd?bill=h110-6893>

The Division of Social Services will be issuing an administrative letter to explain the programmatic components of the legislation.

Outlined below are several aspects of the legislation that are optional for state's participation. The Division is evaluating various options for implementing these aspects. This information is supplied for county planning purposes. Additional correspondence with counties will occur prior to any final decisions and implementation.

- **Kinship Subsidized Guardianship**

The Act gives states the option to use federal Title IV-E funds for kinship guardianship payments for children raised by relative caregivers who care for them in foster care and are committed to caring for them permanently when they leave foster care. The children must be eligible for federal foster care maintenance payments while in the home of the relative and must reside with the relative for at least six consecutive months in foster care to be eligible for the kinship guardianship assistance payment. The children who are eligible are those for whom return home and adoption are ruled out and who likely would otherwise remain in foster care until they aged out of the system. Children fourteen and older must be consulted about the kinship guardianship arrangement and siblings may be placed in the same home and receive support even if some of them are not otherwise eligible. The kinship guardianship assistance payment rate for these children must not exceed the foster care payment that would have been paid had the child remained in a foster family home. Children eligible for these payments are also automatically eligible for Medicaid, as are children in foster care and those who receive adoption assistance payments. H.R. 6893 also makes children who leave foster care after age 16 for kinship guardianship (or adoption) eligible for independent living services and education and training vouchers.

- **Continuing federal support for children in foster care after age 18.**

H.R. 6893 allows states, at their option, to provide care and support to youth in foster care until the age of 19, 20, or 21 provided that the youth is either 1) completing high school or an equivalency program; 2) enrolled in post-secondary or vocational school; 3) participating in a program or activity designed to promote, or remove barriers to, employment; 4) employed for at least 80 hours per month; or 5) incapable of doing any of these activities due to a medical condition. The protections and requirements currently in place for younger children in foster care would continue to apply for youth ages 18-21. Youth ages 18-21 could be placed in a supervised setting in which they are living independently, as well as in a foster family home or group home. States could also extend adoption assistance and/or guardianship payments on behalf of youth ages 19, 20, or 21.

In order for North Carolina to participate in this option for accessing the IV-E participation in these arrangements, modifications will need to be made in the methodology used to account for the Chaffee fiscal matching requirements as identified in the cost of the CARS agreements currently in place.

- **Extending federal training to more staff.**

The Act recognizes the importance of a quality workforce to children's well-being. It expands the availability of federal Title IV-E training dollars to cover training of staff not only in public agencies but in private child welfare agencies as well as court personnel, attorneys, guardian ad litem, and court appointed special advocates. Title IV-E training dollars could also be used to train prospective relative guardians in addition to foster and adoptive parents. Funding for this new training is phased in over 5 years.

- **Work First**

If the legislature passes the removal of Standard County Plans as a requirement, that will save counties administrative time in the planning process and plan development in the next biennium (09/10 to 10/11). We did add policy this year to implement an ongoing strengths/needs assessment for Work First families receiving employment services that may add a minimal amount of worker time, but we don't believe it will be significant. During the 2008 Session, the North Carolina General Assembly approved the continuation for Work First Demonstration Grants. The county demonstration grants was awarded for up to three years with all projects ending no later than the end of SFY 2009-2010.

- **LIHEAP**

Due to energy bill passed in October 2008, states received additional energy funding. Around 258,000 households received a LIEAP check this year (State Fiscal Year 2009) with an average payment of \$175. The highest check will be \$321 and the lowest will be \$61.

- **Food and Nutrition Program**

Food and Nutrition Services numbers continue to increase. As of December 2008 the number of individuals receiving assistance was 1,056,187 which is a 14% increase during the past year with total payments of \$123,516,412.

## **I. PROGRAMS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

### **A. DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Program Name:** 1 Work First Family Assistance

**Brief Program Description:**

**Electing Counties**

Electing Counties can design their own work program, including eligibility criteria and sanctions. Electing Counties must continue to follow certain State and Federal legislative requirements, such as mandatory screening for substance abuse and non-citizen eligibility rules. The funding for cash assistance is included in the Electing Counties' Work First Block Grant. Electing counties are responsible for the cost of cash assistance payments that result from increased caseloads beyond the funds that have been allocated.

The following counties requested to be designated as electing for the 2007 thru 2009 biennium: Beaufort, Caldwell, Catawba, Iredell, Lenoir, Lincoln, Macon, and Wilson. These counties must remain as electing counties until the next TANF State Plan is approved by the General Assembly and certified by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services. Financial implementation of the Work First Program began July 1, 2007, while the Work First Program plan began October 1, 2007 when the State plan took effect. Nine Counties have requested to be designated as electing for the 2009 thru 2011 biennium. These are: Beaufort, Caldwell, Catawba, Cumberland, Iredell, Lenoir, Lincoln, Macon and Wilson. These estimates reflect funding based on the nine proposed electing counties, although this is pending legislative approval.

**Standard Counties**

The remaining counties will operate under the State's Work First Program. These counties are considered Standard Counties by legislation and Work First Policy. The funding for cash assistance will not be considered part of the Work First County Block Grant in the Standard Counties. Standard counties are not required to budget additional funds if caseloads increase beyond the level projected in these estimates.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes   X   (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No           

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal  100%  State            County            (See narrative below)

**Mandated Program:** Yes   X   No           

**NC General Statute references:**  108A-27.11

**Related web links for this program:** <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/workfirst/index.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes   X   (receive ongoing) No        (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Funds available for distribution have been cut in prior years by the general assembly. It is anticipated that this trend will continue through the next State Fiscal Year.

**Program Name: 2 Food and Nutrition Benefits**

**Brief Program Description:**

The North Carolina Food and Nutrition Program provides access to food for low-income individuals and families and promotes choosing nutritious food to grow healthy children and maintain good health for adults. During the month of November 2008, 1,048,072 recipients received benefits. The current participation rate is 77.03%. This is an increase of 10% over the past year. Persons over 50 years of age continue to be the age group that shows the lowest participation rate. Outreach efforts should target this population as well as families with small children under the age of six.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 100% State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

**Mandated Program:** Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:** 108A-51

**Related web links for this program:** <http://ncdhhs.gov/dss/foodstamp/index.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Based on the current economy an increase is expected in the Food and Nutrition Program. The increase in Food and Nutrition Services cost is based on increased participation.

**Program Name: 3 Title IV-B Adoption Assistance Payments**

**Brief Program Description:**

IV-B Adoption Assistance funds are paid on behalf of special needs children in the custody of departments of social services not eligible for IV-E or State Adoption funding. Local departments of social services are responsible for determining IV-B eligibility for children and conducting annual verification of continued eligibility in order for adoptive families to receive adoption assistance and for counties to be reimbursed for eligible expenditures. Reasonable, but unsuccessful efforts to place the child with suitable adoptive family without providing adoption assistance, unless such efforts would not be in the best interest of the child, must be documented. Adoption assistance benefits begin, for eligible special needs children, the month after the final order of adoption. Payments cannot be more than the foster care board rate.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_

No   X  

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal\_\_\_\_\_ State   75%   County   25%  

**Mandated Program:** Yes   X   No\_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute Reference:**   108A-50  

**Related web link for this program:** [http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/csm-78/man/CScXIII-05.htm#P1427\\_300350](http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/csm-78/man/CScXIII-05.htm#P1427_300350)

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes   X   No\_\_\_\_\_ (If “no”, give brief explanation):

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

The General Assembly approved an increase in adoption assistance rates effective January 2009.

**Program Name: 4 Title IV-B Adoption Vendor Payments**

**Brief Program Description:**

Vendor payments for allowable costs on behalf of children who are eligible for adoption assistance under Title IV-B and Title IV-E Adoption Assistance funding categories, with a maximum payment of \$2,400 per year, for any combination of medical and non-medical services or treatment not covered by any medical insurance program. The required county financial participation rate is 25% and the state is 75% for children covered under Title IV-B Part I. In compliance with Division policy, some children who do not receive monthly cash payments may be eligible for vendor payment assistance. Counties make payments on behalf of child to adoptive parents or providers and are then reimbursed by the State when expenses are not covered by other resources.

Funding for Title IV-B Adoption Assistance Vendor Payments is State and County funds only.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No   X  

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal\_\_\_\_\_ State  75%  County  25% 

**Mandated Program:** Yes   X   No\_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute Reference:**  108A-49 

**Related web link for this program:** [http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/csm-78/man/CScXIII-05.htm#P1427\\_300350](http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/csm-78/man/CScXIII-05.htm#P1427_300350)

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes   X   No\_\_\_\_\_ (If “no”, give brief explanation):

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

**Program Name: 5 State Adoption Assistance Payments**

**Brief Program Description:**

State Adoption Assistance Payments provide cash to adoptive families and vendor payments for legal, medical and/or therapeutic services to providers on behalf of eligible special needs children placed in adoptive homes by licensed children child placing agencies.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_

No  X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal\_\_\_\_\_ State 100% County\_\_\_\_\_

**Mandated Program:** Yes  X  No\_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute Reference:** 108A-49

**Related web link for this program:** [http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/csm-78/man/CScXIII-05.htm#P1427\\_300350](http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/csm-78/man/CScXIII-05.htm#P1427_300350)

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes  X  No\_\_\_\_\_ (If “no”, give brief explanation):

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**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

General Assembly approved an increase in adoption assistance rates effective January 2009.

**Program Name: 6 State Adoption Vendor Payments**

**Brief Program Description:**

Vendor payments for allowable costs on behalf of children who are eligible for adoption assistance under State Adoption Funding categories, with a maximum payment of \$2,400 per year, for any combination of medical and non-medical services or treatment not covered by any medical insurance program. There is no county financial participation for vendor payments for children covered under the State Adoption Assistance. In compliance with Division policy, some children who do not receive monthly cash payments may be eligible for vendor payment assistance. Counties make payments on behalf of child to adoptive parents or providers and are then reimbursed by the State when expenses are not covered by other resources.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_

No  X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal\_\_\_\_\_ State 100% County\_\_\_\_\_

**Mandated Program:** Yes  X  No\_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute Reference:** 108A-49

**Related web link for this program:**

[http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/csm-78/man/CScXIII-05.htm#P1427\\_300350](http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/csm-78/man/CScXIII-05.htm#P1427_300350)

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes  X  No\_\_\_\_\_ (If “no”, give brief explanation):

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

**Program Name: 7 Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Payments**

**Brief Program Description:**

IV-E Adoption Assistance, authorized by Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, provides federal financial participation adoption assistance benefits to special needs children meeting IV-E eligibility requirements. Local departments of social services are responsible for determining IV-E eligibility for children and conducting annual verification of continued eligibility in order for adoptive families to receive adoption assistance and for counties to be reimbursed for eligible expenditures. Reasonable, but unsuccessful efforts to place the child with suitable adoptive families without providing adoption assistance, unless such efforts would not be in the best interest of the child, must be documented. Adoption assistance benefits begin, for eligible special needs children, the month after the final order of adoption. Payments cannot be more than the foster care board rate.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_

No   X  

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal  64.60%  State  17.70%  County  17.70% 

**Mandated Program:** Yes   X   No\_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute Reference:**  108A-49 

**Related web link for this program:** [http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/csm-78/man/CScXIII-05.htm#P1427\\_300350](http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/csm-78/man/CScXIII-05.htm#P1427_300350)

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes   X   No\_\_\_\_\_ (If “no”, give brief explanation):

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

The General Assembly approved an increase in adoption assistance rates effective January 2009.

**Program Name: 8 Title IV-E Adoption Vendor Payments Non-Recurring**

**Brief Program Description:**

The U.S. Tax Reform Act of 1986 (P.L. 99-514) requires states to assist adoptive parent(s) with payment of non-recurring adoption expenses related to the legal adoption of a special needs child, which was not incurred in violation of state and federal law and which are not reimbursed from other funds or sources. The State must enter into an adoption assistance agreement prior to the finalization of the adoption. The only eligibility criterion to be applied for reimbursement of the non-recurring expenses of adoption is that the State determines that the child meets the definition of special needs, in accordance with section 473 (c) of the act. A child is eligible for this benefit regardless of whether or not the child is IV-E eligible.

Federal financial participation is available at the matching rate of 50 percent, up to \$2,000 for each adoptive placement. Departments of social services make direct payments to adoptive families and request reimbursements from the State.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No  X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal  50%  State  25%  County  25%

**Mandated Program:** Yes  X  No \_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute Reference:**  108A-49

**Related web link for this program:** [http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/csm-78/man/CScXIII-05.htm#P1427\\_300350](http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/csm-78/man/CScXIII-05.htm#P1427_300350)

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes  X  No \_\_\_\_\_ (If “no”, give brief explanation):  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

**Program Name: 9 Title IV-E Foster Care - Standard Board Rate**

**Brief Program Description:**

The State eligibility policy for Title IV-E Foster Care Assistance is contained in the Family Services Manual, XIII – Child Welfare Funding Manual.

Changes to the Foster Care rates and reimbursement system:

**Standard Board Rate for Foster Care and Adoption Assistance**

The General Assembly adopted new rates for foster care and adoption assistance. These new rates were requested based on the Expenditures on Children by Families, a publication of the United States Department of Agriculture. The new standard board rates are as follows:

Child's age	Maximum state participation
0 – 5	\$ 475 / month
6 – 12	\$ 581 / month
13 and above	\$ 634 / month

These rates were effective for all foster care services provided beginning December 1, 2008.

**Standardized Rates for Child Placing Agencies and Residential Foster Facilities**

Through participation in an annual cost finding and rate setting process, Child Placing Agencies (CPA) and Child Caring Institutions (CCI) establish a supportable basis for state and federal participation above the standard board rate. The results of this process have historically been for each agency to receive a unique rate for each type of care provided. Beginning January 1, 2009, all participating agencies were approved for a standard maximum rate of reimbursement for county departments of social services placing children with these agencies. The standardized rates will be established based on child's age, using the same break points as the standard board rates. Family foster care will have a maintenance portion and an administrative portion, in keeping with federal regulations. The previous four types of residential care (group, emergency, institution and camps) have been combined into a single residential set of rates.

The standardized maximum participation for state and federal participation are as follows:

**Family Foster Care Standardized Rates for Child Placing Agencies**

Child's Age	Maintenance	Administration	Total
0 – 5	\$ 475 / month	\$ 958 / month	\$1,433 / month
6 – 12	\$ 581 / month	\$ 983 / month	\$1,564 / month
13 and above	\$ 634 / month	\$ 1,004 / month	\$1,638 / month

**Residential Care Standardized Rates for Child Caring Institutions**

Child's Age	Maximum Federal and State Participation
0 - 5	\$ 4,279 / month
6 – 12	\$ 4,437 / month
13 and above	\$ 4,516 / month

**County Direct Reimbursement**

Beginning with reimbursements distributed after January 1, 2009 the state will only reimburse county departments of social services for 50% of the non-federal share of the cost of care, up to the standard rate. This reimbursement will be limited to the standard facility rate, or the actual amount paid, whichever is less. The state will end all additional payments to the provider agencies. Counties will need to ensure that agreements for child placements specify the amount paid directly by the county. This amount will be the total amount received by the provider, as the state will no longer be reimbursing provider agencies. All state and federal financial participation will be reimbursed directly to the county DSS agencies. Additionally, counties will need to ensure that the DSS-5094 or Child Placement and Payment System (CPPS) has been updated for services beginning December 1, 2008 to accurately reflect the actual county payment as agreed upon between the county and the provider agency.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No   X  

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal  64.60%  State  17.70%  County  17.70% 

**Mandated Program:** Yes   X   No \_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:**  108A-49 

**Related web links for this program:**  <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/programs/index.htm> 

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes   X   (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

There should be an increase in costs due to the increase in rates.

**Program Name: 10 Title IV-E Foster Care Maximization**

**Brief Program Description:**

The State eligibility policy for Title IV-E Foster Care Assistance is contained in the Family Services Manual, XIII – Child Welfare Funding Manual.

Federal financial participation in Title IV-E Foster Care Assistance is tied to the state's approved Federal Medical Assistance Payment (**FMAP**) rate. The state and county share equally in the non-federal share of costs incurred up to the Standard Board Rate (SBR).

The rates for SFY 09/10 are not available as yet and therefore can not provide a definite composite rate for SFY 09/10. For budgeting purposes, use the projected composite rate for SFY 09/10 which is 65.16% federal share with 17.42% state and county shares.

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## County Direct Reimbursement

Beginning with reimbursements distributed after January 1, 2009 the state will only reimburse county departments of social services for 50% of the non-federal share of the cost of care, up to the standard rate. This reimbursement will be limited to the standard facility rate, or the actual amount paid, whichever is less. The state will end all additional payments to the provider agencies. Counties will need to ensure that agreements for child placements specify the amount paid directly by the county. This amount will be the total amount received by the provider, as the state will no longer be reimbursing provider agencies. All state and federal financial participation will be reimbursed directly to the county DSS agencies. Additionally, counties will need to ensure that the DSS-5094 or Child Placement and Payment System (CPPS) has been updated for services beginning December 1, 2008 to accurately reflect the actual county payment as agreed upon between the county and the provider agency.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

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**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal  64.60%  State  17.70%  County  17.70% 

**Mandated Program:** Yes   X   No \_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:**  108A-49 

**Related web links for this program:**  <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/programs/index.htm> 

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes   X   (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

There should be an increase in costs due to the increase in rates.

**Program Name: 11 State Foster Care Benefits Program**

**Brief Program Description:**

The State eligibility policy for the State Foster Care Benefits Program is contained in the Family Services Manual, Chapter XIII – Child Welfare Funding Manual. Counties are reimbursed from this source of funds for children who are determined not to be Title IV-E eligible.

The State Foster Care Benefits Program payment costs are shared between the counties and the state at the rate of State 50% and County 50% up to the established Standard Board Rate (SBR).

**County Direct Reimbursement**

Currently, the state reimburses providers directly who have an established rate if the county pays less than that established rate. Beginning with reimbursements distributed after January 1, 2009 the state will only reimburse county departments of social services for 50% of the non-federal share of the cost of care, up to the standard rate. This reimbursement will be limited to the standard facility rate, or the actual amount paid, whichever is less. The state will end all additional payments to the provider agencies. Counties will need to ensure that agreements for child placements specify the amount paid directly by the county. This amount will be the total amount received by the provider, as the state will no longer reimburse provider agencies. All state and federal financial participation will be reimbursed directly to the county DSS agencies. Additionally, counties will need to ensure that the DSS-5094 or Child Placement and Payment System (CPPS) has been updated for services beginning December 1, 2008 to accurately reflect the actual county payment as agreed upon between the county and the provider agency.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No  X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal \_\_\_\_\_ State  50%  County  50%

**Mandated Program:** Yes  X  No \_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:**  108A-48

**Related web links for this program:**  http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/programs/index.htm

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes  X  (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Since the Standard Board Rate has been increased, cost should increase.

**Program Name: 12 Low Income Energy Assistance Payments**

### **Brief Program Description:**

LIEAP provides assistance to low income households to defray the cost of heating and cooling. Eligible households receive a one time LIEAP heating assistance check in February. The target population is low-income households including persons over 50, persons with disabilities and children under the age of six. County departments of social services take applications during a specified time frame each year for any household who is not automatically eligible.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes X (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No\_\_\_\_\_

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 100% State        County       

**Mandated Program:** Yes X No       

**NC General Statute references: 108A-25**

**Related web links for this program:** <http://ncdhhs.gov/dss/energy/index.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Funding is determined by the federal government.

**Program Name: 13 Crisis Intervention Program**

**Brief Program Description:**

The Crisis Intervention Program assists low-income persons with a heating or cooling related crisis. The targeted population is low-income households. The CIP program is part of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program block grant. Households apply for benefits at the local DSS agency or other contracted non-profit agencies. Each county receives an allocation to fund the CIP program based on a formula of historical spending and the number of persons in the county whose income is at or below the Federal poverty level. Counties have the option to set an annual minimum allowable assistance amount of \$300 or a maximum of \$600. Payment amounts vary based on the severity of the crisis and the amount needed to alleviate the energy crisis.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes  X  (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No \_\_\_\_\_

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 100% State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

**Mandated Program:** Yes  X  No \_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:** 108A-25

**Related web links for this program:** <http://ncdhhs.gov/dss/energy/index.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes  X  (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Funding is determined by the federal government.

**Program Name: 14 Progress Energy - Energy Neighbor Fund**

### **Brief Program Description:**

Progress Energy's Energy Neighbor Program is designed to assist low-income Progress Energy customers in a heating-or cooling related crisis. Energy Neighbor is funded 100% from monies contributed by Progress Energy customers and employees, and from corporate donations. Allocations are made only to counties that have Progress Energy residential customers. Allocations are determined by Progress Energy and are based on the number of Progress Energy residential customers in each county. The maximum benefit limit is \$600 per household per State fiscal year.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes X (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No\_\_\_\_\_

**Percent Reimbursement:** 100% Progress Energy

**Mandated Program:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No X

**NC General Statute references:** NONE

**Related web links for this program:** <http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/ei-40/man/>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes   X   (receive ongoing) No        (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Funding is determined by Progress Energy.

**Program Name:** 15 Haywood Electric Membership Corp - Helping Each Member Cope

**Brief Program Description:**

Helping Each Member Cope Program assists low-income Haywood Electric Membership Corp (HEMC) customers in a heating or cooling related crisis. Allocations are only made to counties that have Haywood Electric Membership Corp (HEMC) residential customers. Allocations are determined by HEMC. Counties spend the money until the funds are exhausted. The maximum benefit is \$200 per State Fiscal Year. The counties who administer this service are: Buncombe, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Madison, and Transylvania.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes X (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No \_\_\_\_\_

**Percent Reimbursement:** 100% Haywood Electric Membership Corp

**Mandated Program:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

**NC General Statute references:** NONE

**Related web links for this program:** <http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/ei-40/man/>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Funding is determined by Haywood Electric Membership Corp.

**Program Name:** 16 Wake Electric Membership Corp. – W.E. Round Up

**Brief Program Description:**

Wake Electric Round-Up Program assists low-income Wake Electric Membership Corp. (WEMC) customers with a heating or cooling related crisis. Allocations are made only to counties that have Wake Electric Membership Corp. (WEMC) residential customers. Funds are spent until exhausted. The maximum benefit per household is \$200 per state fiscal year. The counties who administer this service are: Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance and Wake Counties.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes   X   (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No       

**Percent Reimbursement:** 100% Wake Electric Membership Corp

**Mandated Program:** Yes        No   X  

**NC General Statute references:**   NONE  

**Related web links for this program:** <http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/ei-40/man/>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes   X   (receive ongoing) No        (If no, give brief explanation):       

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Funding is determined by Wake Electric Membership Corporation.

**Program Name: 17 Piedmont Natural Gas - Share the Warmth**

**Brief Program Description:**

Share the Warmth Program is designed to assist low-income North Carolina Piedmont Natural Gas customers in a heating related crisis. Allocations are made only to counties that have Piedmont Natural Gas residential customers. Funds are spent until exhausted. The maximum benefit per household is \$200 per State fiscal year. The counties who administer this service are: Anson, Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke, Johnston, Lenoir, Martin, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Pitt, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Stanly, Union, Wayne and Wilson counties.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes   X   (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No       

**Percent Reimbursement:** 100% Piedmont Natural Gas

**Mandated Program:** Yes        No   X  

**NC General Statute references:**   NONE  

**Related web links for this program:** <http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/ei-40/man/>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes   X   (receive ongoing) No        (If no, give brief explanation):       

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Funding is determined by Piedmont Natural Gas.

**Program Name: 18 Refugee Assistance Payments**

**Brief Program Description:**

Refugee Assistance is a service for refugee clients who are eligible to receive cash assistance benefits for up to eight months from the date of arrival into the United States. These services are 100% federally funded through the US Office of Refugee Resettlement, US Department of Health and Human Services.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 100% State\_\_\_\_\_ County\_\_\_\_\_

**Mandated Program:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No X

**NC General Statute references:** 108A-25

**Related web links for this program:** <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/refugee/index.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No\_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Projected costs are based on numbers of refugee assistance cases served so far in SFY2009. There has been an increase in recipients from prior years so projected costs have increased as well. Actual cost may go up or down depending upon the actual refugee arrival numbers in a particular year.

**Program Name:** 19 Offsets: Title IV-D Collections

**Brief Program Description:**

**Projected Collections**

The collections, estimated for SFY 2010, are TANF \$38,749,920 for public assistance and Non TANF \$709,620,748 for Non-public assistance. This is a total collection amount of \$748,370,668.

**Returns from IV-D Collections**

Counties who operate the Child Support Enforcement Program continue to receive the local share of IV-D return from TANF collections. However; for counties in which the Child Support Program is operated by the state, all returns are paid to the state. TANF collections paid as family payments, medical, and money collected on behalf of other states represents approximately 19% of the TANF collections, and no return is received on these amounts.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No  X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal  100%  State\_\_\_\_\_ County\_\_\_\_\_

**Mandated Program:** Yes  X  No\_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:**  110 Article 9

**Related web links for this program:** [www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/cse](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/cse)

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes  X  (receive ongoing) No\_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

## B. DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES

**Program Name:** 20 State/County Special Assistance for Adults

**Brief Program Description:**

The State/County Special Assistance (SA) is an SSI state supplement entitlement program which provides a direct cash payment to assist with the cost of care in adult care homes. Eligible recipients are low-income elderly and disabled adults who, based on a doctor's statement, require assistance with their daily living activities in a residential setting. SA recipients in adult care homes are entitled to Medicaid to help cover their medical costs. Some individuals, through the SA In-Home Program, who meet the criteria for residential placement, may receive a payment to enable them to receive care in their homes. SA In-Home recipients must qualify for Medicaid separately. The Medicaid costs are not displayed in this report.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal\_\_\_\_\_ State 50% County 50%

**Mandated Program:** Yes X No\_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:** 111-13; 111-14; 111-17, 143B-157

**Related web links for this program:** [http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs/afs\\_special.htm](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs/afs_special.htm)

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No\_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

The increase in SA expenditures is expected, in part, due to an increase passed by the General Assembly in 2008 from \$1173 to \$1207 in the SA basic rate for adult care homes. The effective date of this rate increase is January 1, 2009. The rate increase will also affect the SA In-Home Program recipients (with 1,890 participants 12/1/08). This effect of this rate increase on the program expenditures will be offset somewhat by the large cost-of-living increase (5.8%) for Social Security and Veterans' Benefits.

The annual growth rate expected in the number of all SA payments is 1.7%. The annual expected rate of growth for the payments for SA recipients in Special Care units is 56%. These cases have a rate of \$1515. There were 1470 active cases 11/1/08.

## C. DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

**Program Name:** 21 Special Assistance for the Blind

**Brief Program Description:**

Special Assistance for the Blind (SAB) is a program which primarily assists North Carolina residents with the costs of domiciliary care for North Carolina residents who cannot afford the full costs of care as determined annually by the North Carolina General Assembly.

During Fiscal Year 2007 - 2008, 100 consumers received services at an average monthly cost of \$572.00 per consumer.

Services are funded by a procedure whereby the State Agency for the Blind bills each county their proportionate share for services provided to clients from the county.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal\_\_\_\_\_ State 50% County 50%

**Mandated Program:** Yes X No\_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:** 111-13; 111-14; 111-17, 143B-157

**Related web links for this program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No\_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Current SAB figures are based on SFY 07-08 expenditures, but the adult home care rate will increase to \$1,207 effective 1/1/09.

## **D. DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

**Program Name:** 22 Subsidized Child Care Program - Direct Services

**Brief Program Description:**

The Subsidized Child Care Program is a service oriented program that is administered by the local purchasing agencies (LPA) that purchase child care services for low income families. The LPA's determine if families qualify for the services using policy from the Subsidized Child Care Services Manual. Parents are eligible for subsidies if their gross income is less than or equal to 75% of state median income for the family size. Families must also meet one of the following need criteria to support child care: employment or job search; education or job training that leads to employment; Child Welfare Services; Child Protective Services or child's developmental need. Eligible families with countable income are required to pay a portion of the cost of care. Child care services can include the purchase of transportation services to and from child care facilities for children receiving Child Protective Services and may be provided in other situations at local purchasing agencies' option. In addition, local purchasing agencies have the option to pay for one annual registration fee to the provider of the parent's choice.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes   X  

No         

Each county receives an annual allocation based on a formula that the General Assembly has approved. The Division issues each county a funding authorization for funds allocated, reverted or reallocated during the State Fiscal Year. If counties spend beyond their allocation they must use local funds to pay for child care assistance. Counties must set aside a specific amount of their initial allocation to serve special needs children.

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal   X   State   X   County         

Counties are reimbursed for 100% of expenditures. Federal and state funds are blended at the state level which is invisible to counties.

**Mandated Program:** Yes   X   No         

**NC General Statute references:** 110, North Carolina Session Law 2008-107, House Bill (HB) 2436, 10A North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC) 10, NCGS 159.34, NCGS 143C-6-23, and NCGS 143B-168.15 (g).

**Related web links for this program:** The Division's web site at ([www.nchildcare.net](http://www.nchildcare.net)). Select tabs County Staff and Manual from the Home Page.

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes   X   (receive ongoing) No        (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:** The state's share of the average subsidy payment increases every year, at approximately 3% for the most recent 12 months. Most child care providers implement rate increases annually; however, not every subsidy payment is impacted. Providers are paid at the market rate or their private rate, whichever is less. The results of the 2009 Market Rate Survey may determine whether market rates increase program costs.

## II. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

### A. DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**Program Name:** 23 LIEAP and CIP Administration

**Brief Program Description:**

LIEAP and CIP funds provide cash assistance to low income households dealing with energy crisis (heating or cooling) by distributing a one time cash payment to all eligible households. The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a component of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) a federally funded entitlement program. The amount of the assistance is dependent on total dollars allocated to LIEAP, the number of applicants, the geographic location in which each resides, heat type, and income. Funds are for administrative costs to screen and certify applicants for program benefits and issue benefits to eligible households.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes   X   (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No       

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal  100%  State        County       

**Mandated Program:** Yes   X   No       

**NC General Statute references:**   HB 2436 Section 10.17(a)  

**Related web links for this program:**  <https://NCDHHS.gov/dss/energy/index.htm> 

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes   X   (receive ongoing) No        (If no, give brief explanation):       

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Funding is determined by the federal government.

**Program Name: 24 Food and Nutrition Services Program Administration**

**Brief Program Description:**

The objective of Food and Nutrition Services is to assist low-income households increase their food purchasing power and improve their nutritional level and health. County departments of social services certify eligibility and provide benefits to households. The Federal Government pays 100 percent of the value of FNS benefits and reimburses counties for 50 percent of their costs to administer the program. The Food and Nutrition Services Program is an entitlement program. The authorizing statute places no cap on the amount of funds available to reimburse States for allowable administrative expenses. Funds for administrative costs must be used to screen and certify applicants for program benefits, issue benefits to eligible households, conduct fraud investigations and prosecutions, provide fair hearings for clients who disagree with an eligibility decision made on their case, prepare financial and special reports.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No   X  

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal  50%  State \_\_\_\_\_ County  50%  (Admin)

**Mandated Program:** Yes   X   No \_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:**  108A-25.2 

**Related web links for this program:** <https://NCDHHS.gov/dss/foodstamp/index.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes   X   (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Increased cost is based on the total number of FNS recipients and any additional administration cost.

**Program Name:** 25 Food and Nutrition Incentive Fraud Collections

**Brief Program Description:**

Food and Nutrition Services claims will be submitted to the Department of Revenue (DOR) electronically by Enterprise Program Integrity Control System (EPICS). The Division will continue to refer individuals to the North Carolina Department of Revenue (DOR) when their outstanding Intentional Program Violation (IPV) and/or Inadvertent Household Error (IHE) claim balance is \$50.00 or more.

State law requires, if a refund is applied against an agency debt that results in an over collection, the over collection plus interest is to be refunded to the debtor. If the total intercepted funds must be refunded, the collection assistance fee must also be included in the refund. The State Controller's Office processes these refunds. All claims, except Agency Error claims, will continue to be included in the Set-Off Debt Collection Program. The Department of Revenue (DOR) will provide an update on the interest rate every 6 months.

North Carolina is again participating in Tax Offset Program (TOP) in the Food and Nutrition Services Program. During 2008, the Treasury Department will intercept a debtor's federal income tax refund or any other eligible federal payments for Intentional Program Violation (IPV), Inadvertent Household Error (IHE), and Agency Error (AE) claims which were certified as delinquent and having a balance of at least \$25.00.

As with the North Carolina Debt Set-Off Tax Intercept Program, counties will retain 35% of all Intentional Program Violation (IPV) monies intercepted. In addition, counties will be able to retain 20% of all Inadvertent Household Error (IHE) monies collected through Tax Offset Program (TOP). Receipts from the Tax Offset Program (TOP) can be estimated using the following factors:

1. Amount of claim certified for participation in the Tax Offset Program (TOP).
2. USDA/FCS incentive funding of 35% for all Intentional Program Violation (IPV) claims intercepted and 20% for all Inadvertent Household Error (IHE) claims intercepted.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No  X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 100% State\_\_\_\_\_ County\_\_\_\_\_

**Mandated Program:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No  X

**NC General Statute references:** 108A-53

**Related web links for this program:** <http://ncdhhs.gov/dss/foodstamp/index.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (receive ongoing) No  X  (If no, give brief explanation): Funds are determined based on collections.

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

**Program Name: 26 Electronic Benefit Transfer E-Funds Cost**

**Brief Program Description:**

EBT is the process via a debit card for recipients to receive Food and Nutrition Services. Automated files are sent from the Food Stamp Information System (FSIS) via the EBT Interface System (EBTIS) to eFunds, the current EBT vendor to set up accounts for recipients to receive benefits. The benefit amounts are credited to the recipient's accounts and tracked at food retail outlets. Transactions are deducted from the balance in the accounts instantly through a Point-of-Sale (POS) terminal. Costs associated with EBT is eligible for reimbursement of federal funds from the Food and Nutrition Services Program at the standard administrative Federal Financial Participation rate of 50% Federal funds and 50% County Funds.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No  X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 50% State\_\_\_\_\_ County 50%

**Mandated Program:** Yes  X  No\_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Related web links for this program:** <https://NCDHHS.gov/dss/foodstamp/index.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes  X  (receive ongoing) No\_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Increased cost is based on the total number of FNS recipients.

**Program Name:** 27 Food and Nutrition Services Electronic Benefit Transfer Call Center

**Brief Program Description:**

The Call Center provides assistance to all state Food and Nutrition Services recipients that request to speak with a customer service representative regarding their EBT account. EBT recipients can use the E-Funds Voice Response Unit and receive automated assistance or the recipient can request to speak to an agent for assistance. The Call Center agent can assist the recipient to obtain EBT account balances, request replacement EBT card, change EBT card PIN number and other types of account activities.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 50% State \_\_\_\_\_ County 50%

**Mandated Program:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

**NC General Statute references:** 108A-51

**Related web links for this program:** <http://ncdhhs.gov/dss/foodstamp/index.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

The increase in Food and Nutrition Services is based on increased participation.

**Program Name:** 28 Refugee Assistance Administration

**Brief Program Description:**

County costs for administering the Refugee Assistance program. Refugee Assistance is a service for refugee clients who are eligible to receive cash assistance benefits for up to eight months from the date of arrival into the United States. This service is 100% federally funded through the US Office of Refugee Resettlement, US Department of Health and Human Services.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 100% State\_\_\_\_\_ County\_\_\_\_\_

**Mandated Program:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No X

**NC General Statute references:** 108A-25

**Related web links for this program:** <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/refugee/index.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No\_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Projected costs are based on numbers of refugee assistance cases served so far in SFY2009, as well as average administrative cost per client served in SFY08. Actual cost may go up or down depending upon the actual assistance applications in a particular year, as well as varying administrative expenditures in each county.

**Program Name:** 29 State Aid to Counties

**Brief Program Description:**

This allocation is state funds appropriated to assist counties in the cost of administering public assistance and services programs. The funds are transferred electronically to counties each month in increments of 1/12 the annual allocation. Funds are transferred with the warrant amount from the DSS-1571 report. Counties do not have to report costs to a particular code in order to receive these funds.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes X (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No \_\_\_\_\_

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal \_\_\_\_\_ State 100% County \_\_\_\_\_

**Mandated Program:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

**NC General Statute references:** None

**Related web links for this program:** N/A

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

## **B. DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES**

**Program Name:** 30 State/County Special Assistance Administration

**Brief Program Description:**

County administrative costs for the SA Program.

SA is an SSI state supplement entitlement program which provides a direct cash payment to assist with the cost of care in adult care homes. Eligible recipients are low-income elderly and disabled adults who, based on a doctor's statement, require assistance with their daily living activities in a residential setting. SA recipients in adult care homes are entitled to Medicaid to help cover their medical costs. Some individuals, through the SA In-Home Program, who meet the criteria for residential placement, may receive a payment to enable them to receive care in their homes. SA In-Home recipients must qualify for Medicaid separately. The Medicaid costs are not displayed in this report.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ County 100%

**Mandated Program:** Yes X No\_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:** 108A-25; 108A-40 to 108A-47.1

**Related web links for this program:** [http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs/afs\\_special.htm](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs/afs_special.htm)

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (receive ongoing) No N/A (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

The cost of administering this program is funded through 100% county funds, with the exception of funds needed for the Native American populations, which is provided with state dollars. Each county's estimate is based on FY 2008 final spending, increased by a 2.5% annual inflation figure.

### C. DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**Program Name: 31 Subsidized Child Care Program – Service Support**

### **Brief Program Description:**

The Subsidized Child Care Program allocates a portion of its funding to services support (administrative costs). LPA's can use the service support funds for salaries, employee benefits, travel, training, computers, computer software, communication and supplies. Services support costs are reported as a direct charge or cost allocated across the LPA through the DSS-1571. LPA's have the option of utilizing the services support funds solely for direct services or allocating a lesser amount towards direct services. To choose this option, LPA's must submit a written request to the Division of Child Development and the Office of the Controller in the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_X\_\_

No\_\_\_\_\_

Each county receives an annual allocation based on a formula that the General Assembly has approved. If counties spend beyond their allocation they must use local funds to pay for any additional cost. Administrative funding is capped at 4% of the county's base allocation or \$80,000, whichever is greater.

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal   X   State   X   County       

Counties are reimbursed for 100% of expenditures. Federal and state funds are blended at the state level which is invisible to counties.

**Mandated Program:** Yes    X    No\_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:** NCGS 110, North Carolina Session Law 2008-107, House Bill (HB) 2436, 10A North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC) 10, NCGS 159.34, NCGS 143C-6-23, and NCGS 143B-168.15 (g).

**Related web links for this program:** The Division's web site at ([www.nchildcare.net](http://www.nchildcare.net)). Select tabs County Staff and Manual from the Home Page.

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

The amount allocated for services support is established by law to be 4% or \$80,000 of the LPA's initial allocation. The 4% figure changes each year based on the total allocation received by the Subsidized Child Care Program.

## D. DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

**Program Name:** 32 Medicaid (Title XIX) Administration

**Brief Program Description:**

These funds are used by County Departments of Social Services for staff and overhead costs for administering the Medicaid program. Costs include taking and processing Medicaid applications, training, supervision, office space and equipment, supplies, and all overhead and indirect costs allocated to the Medicaid program based on the amount of time staff spend working directly in the Medicaid program.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No  X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal  50%  State \_\_\_\_\_ County  50%

**Mandated Program:** Yes  X  No \_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:**  G.S. 108A-54

**Related web links for this program:** <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/home.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes  X  (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

**Program Name: 33 Medicaid Expansion**

### **Brief Program Description:**

These funds are used by County Departments of Social Services for staff needed to determine Medicaid eligibility, due to the expansion of Medicaid coverage to increasing numbers of people. This appropriation provides for a 50% Federal and 50% State match. When allocated state funds are all spent the county must use county funding. Funding is to be used for Medicaid eligibility positions added on or after January 1, 1989.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes X (50% county funds once state allocation is spent)

No\_\_\_\_\_

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 50% State 50% County see above

**Mandated Program:** Yes X No       

**NC General Statute references:** G.S. 108A-54

**Related web links for this program:** <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/home.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

### **III. SERVICES PROGRAMS**

#### **A. DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Program Name:** 34 SSBG Services - Federal & State

**Brief Program Description:**

Social Services Block Grant Funds (SSBG) are made available under Title XX of the Social Security Act. The matching rate for the regular SSBG allocation is 75% federal or state (state participation dollars are capped at \$3,000,000) and 25% county with the exception of social worker time for family planning counseling which is matched at 90% federal and 10% county. In-Home Services (including In-Home Case Management) are reimbursed at 87.5% federal and 12.5% county. In recognition of county flexibility to use these funds for various services - at various match rates - the estimates assume that all funds not otherwise targeted for specific services by the General Assembly will be used at the 75% rate. This means the estimates include the highest amount of county funds that will be required to match the federal dollars. Counties may choose to use these funds for other services at the applicable match rates. **Please note that final funding available to counties is subject to approval by the General Assembly.**

**Capped Allocation:** Yes  X  (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No

**Percent Reimbursement (SSBG Federal):** Federal  75%  State   County  25%

**Percent Reimbursement (SSBG State):** Federal   State  75%  County  25%

**Mandated Program:** Yes  X  No

**NC General Statute references:**  143B-153; 10A NCAC 71R

**Related web links for this program:**  <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes  X  (receive ongoing) No   (If no, give brief explanation):

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

**Program Name:** 35 TANF Transferred to SSBG

**Brief Program Description:**

As in previous years, the estimates show a portion of the SSBG allocation as TANF Transferred to SSBG. To appropriately spend these funds, counties must document a child or a family with a child being served. In addition, the child or family must have income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. The Division of Social Services has defined the services that may be funded with TANF Transferred to SSBG. A 25% county match is required. **Please note that final funding available to counties is subject to approval by the General Assembly.**

**Capped Allocation:** Yes  X  (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No \_\_\_\_\_

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal  75%  State \_\_\_\_\_ County  25%

**Mandated Program:** Yes  X  No \_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:**  143B-153; 10A NCAC 71R

**Related web links for this program:**

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/procedures/memo9.html>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes  X  (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

### **Brief Program Description:**

In addition to the county allocations, the state administers LINKS Special Funds, which can be accessed by counties for expenditures on behalf of individual eligible youth.

No\_\_\_\_\_

**Mandated Program:** Yes   X   No       

**Related web links for this program:**

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes   X   (receive ongoing) No        (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

**Program Name: 37 Child Protective Services IV-E**

**Brief Program Description:**

The state may claim reimbursement for certain title IV-E administrative functions performed on behalf of a child who is viewed as a candidate for title IV-E foster care maintenance payments, regardless of whether such child ever receives Federal foster care payments. In order to be considered for title IV-E foster care maintenance payments, a child must be eligible for Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and at serious risk of removal from home as evidenced by the state agency actively pursuing that removal or engaging in reasonable efforts to prevent it. In NC, those reasonable efforts to prevent removal are In-Home Services.

A determination of title IV-E candidacy permits a state to claim the full Federal share (50%) of child specific title IV-E administrative costs. The eligibility determination is made through completion of the risk assessment, DSS – 5230, North Carolina Family Risk Assessment of Abuse/Neglect. A risk rating of moderate or above correlates to the child's risk of entering out of home placement, and indicates that child is a candidate for title IV-E foster care maintenance payments. The eligibility determination must be completed and documented at a minimum of 6 month intervals. The determination is accomplished through the initial completion of the DSS-5230, North Carolina Family Risk Assessment of Abuse/Neglect, and subsequent updates required at 3 month intervals of the DSS – 5226, North Carolina Risk Reassessment of Abuse/Neglect. The child remains a candidate for foster care placement when the Risk Assessment indicates Moderate, High or Intensive. Whenever "candidacy" exists, Service Code 215 and Program Code Z should be used.

There are times when the agency elects to keep a case open for In-Home Services when the Risk Assessment or Risk Reassessment rating is Low. When that occurs, the child can no longer be considered a "candidate" for foster care because, by definition, the child is not at imminent risk of removal. IV-E cannot be used to pay for these services when the Risk Assessment or Risk Reassessment documents a Low risk rating. Other funding sources must be used when that occurs. Potential funding includes: TEA, TANF, MOE, SSBG and all county funding. Eligibility determinations must be completed for all potential funding sources.

All costs associated with CPS IV-E will be eligible for reimbursement of federal funds at the standard administrative Federal Financial Participation (FFP) rate of 50% with state and county funds each supporting 25% non-federal share of costs.

**Allowable Costs**

The state may begin claiming for administrative functions performed on behalf of foster care candidates in the month in which the child's candidacy is documented.

**Unallowable Costs**

Investigating claims of child abuse/neglect and completing case progress notes with regard to the delivery of services are not allowable title IV-E administrative functions.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes X (50% county funds once allocation is spent)

No\_\_\_\_\_

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 50% State 25% County 25%

**Mandated Program:** Yes   X   No       

**NC General Statute references:** § 7B-300

**Related web links for this program:** <http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/csm-60/man/>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Program costs are estimated to remain as budgeted for FY 2009.

**Program Name: 38 Child Protective Services – State**

### **Brief Program Description:**

During the 2003 Session, the North Carolina General Assembly appropriated the sum of \$5 million to the Division for the purpose of providing aid to counties for child protective services (HB 1414). The funds were appropriated beginning SFY 2004/2005 and are a combination of \$1 million in TANF funds and \$4 million in State dollars. During the 2005 Session, the General Assembly appropriated an additional \$2 million dollars in state funds (SB 622) for the same purpose and to expand the Multiple Response System to all counties in the state. Both appropriations are to be distributed based on a formula that addresses the needs of counties that have high caseload per child protective services worker ratios. It is the intent of the members of the General Assembly that these funds not be used to supplant any other source of funding for staff. Rather, these funds can only be used to increase the number of child protective workers throughout the state.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes X (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No\_\_\_\_\_

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal\_\_\_\_\_ State 100% County\_\_\_\_\_

**Mandated Program:** Yes X No       

**NC General Statute references:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Related web links for this program:** <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/programs/index.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes   X   (receive ongoing) No        (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

**Program Name: 39 System of Care Grant**

### **Brief Program Description:**

North Carolina is the recipient of a 5 year federal Child Abuse and Neglect discretionary grant in the amount of \$500,000 per year entitled “Improving Child Welfare Outcomes through Systems of Care.” It began in October 2003 and was scheduled to continue through September 2008. In October 2008, a Federal No Cost Extension was approved to continue the program by utilizing remaining federal grant funds. Grant funds are available for use only in Alamance, Bladen and Mecklenburg counties, which are the demonstration sites for the grant. The new end date is September 30, 2009.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes X (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No\_\_\_\_\_

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 100% State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

**Mandated Program:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No X

**NC General Statute references:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Related web links for this program:** <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/systemofcare/soc.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (receive ongoing) No X (If no, give brief explanation): The pilot counties may continue to provide for the salaried positions from the project at their discretion.

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Federal grant funds for the program cease at the end of the federal fiscal year 9/30/2009.

**Program Name: 40 Permanency Planning Regular**

**Brief Program Description:**

Permanency Planning funds can be used to support direct services aimed at ensuring safety, permanence and well-being for children who:

- 1) are the subjects of a valid CPS referral, and have been determined to be in need of services based on the completion of a comprehensive family assessment process and are not at imminent risk of coming into agency custody or placement responsibility (i.e. not “reasonable candidates” for foster care);
- 2) are in agency custody/placement responsibility for less than 12 months;
- 3) are in agency custody/placement responsibility for more than 12 months and for whom the plan is adoption, custody or guardianship with an **identified** relative, or custody/guardianship with another **identified** caretaker; or
- 4) have left DSS custody/placement responsibility within the previous 12 months (including post-adoption services).

**Reimbursable Activities Include:**

- Intensive Family Preservation Services or other services designed specifically to prevent out-of-home placement;
- Intensive Family Reunification Services during first six months of entry into out-of-home placement;
- Staff time on behalf of children in the identified population;
- Post-Adoption Services and Independent Living Services;
- Supportive intervention services to family members, relatives, caretakers as needed to achieve stability and permanence;
- Recruitment and training of foster and adoptive parents;
- Legal services designed specifically to achieve permanence for children.

**Non-reimbursable activities include:**

- Staff time or supportive services on behalf of children who have been in agency custody/placement responsibility for more than 12 months and for whom the plan is reunification with birth parents;
- Staff time or supportive services on behalf of children who have been in agency custody/placement responsibility for more than 12 months and for whom the plan is custody or guardianship with an **unidentified** relative or other caretaker;
- Any type of residential care or child day care payment.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes   X   (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 75% State 25% County\_\_\_\_\_

**Mandated Program:** Yes X No\_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Related web links for this program:** <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/programs/index.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No\_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Funding is the same each year.

**Program Name: 41 Permanency Planning Special**

**Brief Program Description:**

Permanency Planning funds can be used to support direct services aimed at ensuring safety, permanence and well-being for children who:

- 1) are the subjects of a valid CPS referral, and have been determined to be in need of services based on the completion of a comprehensive family assessment process and are not at imminent risk of coming into agency custody or placement responsibility (i.e. not “reasonable candidates” for foster care);
- 2) are in agency custody/placement responsibility for less than 12 months;
- 3) are in agency custody/placement responsibility for more than 12 months and for whom the plan is adoption, custody or guardianship with an **identified** relative, or custody/guardianship with another **identified** caretaker; or
- 4) have left DSS custody/placement responsibility within the previous 12 months (including post-adoption services).

**Reimbursable Activities Include:**

- Intensive Family Preservation Services or other services designed specifically to prevent out-of-home placement;
- Intensive Family Reunification Services during first six months of entry into out-of-home placement;
- Staff time on behalf of children in the identified population;
- Post-Adoption Services and Independent Living Services;
- Supportive intervention services to family members, relatives, caretakers as needed to achieve stability and permanence;
- Recruitment and training of foster and adoptive parents;
- Legal services designed specifically to achieve permanence for children.

**Non-reimbursable activities include:**

- Staff time or supportive services on behalf of children who have been in agency custody/placement responsibility for more than 12 months and for whom the plan is reunification with birth parents;
- Staff time or supportive services on behalf of children who have been in agency custody/placement responsibility for more than 12 months and for whom the plan is custody or guardianship with an **unidentified** relative or other caretaker;
- Any type of residential care or child day care payment.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes   X   (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 75% State \_\_\_\_\_ County 25%

**Mandated Program:** Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Related web links for this program:** <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/programs/index.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Funding is the same each year.

**Program Name: 42 Family Reunification**

### **Brief Program Description:**

**Time-Limited Family Reunification Services** – Reunification services programs provide a variety of services and supports to families who have one or more children returning from an out-of-home placement. Programs aim to help each child and family achieve and maintain their optimal level of reconnection.

Catawba County Department of Social Services – Reunification - \$58,444– IV-B-2 (CFDA #93.556).

**Capped Allocation:** Yes X (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No\_\_\_\_\_

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 100% State        County       

**Mandated Program:** Yes X No       

**NC General Statute references:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Related web links for this program:** <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/childrenandyouth/index.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (receive ongoing) No X (If no, give brief explanation): These funds are distributed through a Request for Applications (RFA) process.

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

**Program Name: 43 Foster Care/Adoptions – State**

**Brief Program Description:**

These are state funds used as a match to draw down additional Title IV-E funds used to increase staffing to meet the minimum staffing standards in foster care and adoptions.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes X (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No\_\_\_\_\_

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal\_\_\_\_\_ State 100% County\_\_\_\_\_

**Mandated Program:** Yes X No       

**NC General Statute references:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Related web links for this program:** <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/programs/index.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes   X   (receive ongoing) No        (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Costs are projected to remain the same.

**Program Name: 44 TANF Child Welfare Workers for Local DSS**

**Brief Program Description:**

From the TANF Block Grant, an amount of \$14,452,391 is specified in SL 2008-107, Section 10.17(h) which states this shall be allocated to county departments of social services for hiring or contracting staff to investigate and provide services in Child Protective Services cases; to provide foster care and support services; to recruit, train, license and support prospective foster and adoptive families; and to provide interstate and post adoption services for eligible families.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes X (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No\_\_\_\_\_

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 100% State        County       

**Mandated Program:** Yes X No       

**NC General Statute references:** SL 2008-107, Section 10.17(h)

**Related web links for this program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

**Program Name:** 45 IV-E Administration Foster Care 50% Federal - 50% County

**Brief Program Description:**

Counties are entitled to Federal matching funds at 50% FFP for the proper and efficient administration of the State plan. The county is responsible for the remaining 50%. Information about what costs are allowable can be found in the Family Services Manual Chapter XIII, Child Welfare Funding Manual.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 50% State\_\_\_\_\_ County 50%

**Mandated Program:** Yes X No\_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Related web links for this program:**

[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/j2ee/programs/cb/laws\\_policies/laws/cwpm/policy\\_dsp.jsp?citID=36](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/j2ee/programs/cb/laws_policies/laws/cwpm/policy_dsp.jsp?citID=36)

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No\_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

None

**Program Name:** 46 IV-E Foster Care Parent Training 75% Federal - 25% County

**Brief Program Description:**

Counties are entitled to Federal matching funds for the proper and efficient administration of the State plan at 75% FFP for the training (including both short-term training and long-term training at educational institutions, through State grants to the institutions or by direct financial assistance to students enrolled in such institutions) of personnel employed or preparing for employment by the State agency or by the local agency administering the State title IV-E State plan. The county is responsible for the remaining 25%. Information about what costs are allowable can be found in the Family Services Manual Chapter XIII, Child Welfare Funding Manual.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No  X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal  75%  State\_\_\_\_\_ County  25%

**Mandated Program:** Yes  X  No\_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Related web links for this program:**

[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/j2ee/programs/cb/laws\\_policies/laws/cwpm/policy\\_dsp.jsp?citID=116](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/j2ee/programs/cb/laws_policies/laws/cwpm/policy_dsp.jsp?citID=116)

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes  X  (receive ongoing) No\_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

None

**Program Name:** 47 IV-E Administration Adoption 50% Federal - 50% County

**Brief Program Description:**

Counties are entitled to Federal matching funds at 50% FFP for the proper and efficient administration of the State plan. The county is responsible for the remaining 50%. Information about what costs are allowable can be found in the Family Services Manual Chapter XIII, Child Welfare Funding Manual.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 50% State\_\_\_\_\_ County 50%

**Mandated Program:** Yes X No\_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Related web links for this program:**

[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/j2ee/programs/cb/laws\\_policies/laws/cwpm/policy\\_dsp.jsp?citID=17](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/j2ee/programs/cb/laws_policies/laws/cwpm/policy_dsp.jsp?citID=17)

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No\_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

None

**Program Name:** 48 IV-E Adoption Parent Training 75% Federal - 25% County

**Brief Program Description:**

Counties are entitled to Federal matching funds for the proper and efficient administration of the State plan at 75% FFP for the training (including both short-term training and long-term training at educational institutions, through State grants to the institutions or by direct financial assistance to students enrolled in such institutions) of personnel employed or preparing for employment by the State agency or by the local agency administering the State title IV-E State plan. The county is responsible for the remaining 25%. Information about what costs are allowable can be found in the Family Services Manual Chapter XIII, Child Welfare Funding Manual.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 75% State\_\_\_\_\_ County 25%

**Mandated Program:** Yes X No\_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Related web links for this program:**

[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/j2ee/programs/cb/laws\\_policies/laws/cwpm/policy\\_dsp.jsp?citID=116](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/j2ee/programs/cb/laws_policies/laws/cwpm/policy_dsp.jsp?citID=116)

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No\_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

None

**Program Name:** 49 Child and Family Teams

**Brief Program Description:**

Child and Family Teams work in local schools to help students succeed in the classroom and have stable lives with permanent families. Schools work with community agencies to create individualized solutions for each student. The North Carolina General Assembly has appropriated the sum of \$420,804 in recurring state funds for establishing 12 child and family team facilitator positions in county DSS agencies to support the School Based Child and Family Support Team Initiative. The \$420,804 is allocated equally to the 12 counties (Anson, Bertie, Duplin, Greene, Halifax, Hoke, Hyde, Martin, McDowell, Nash, Pamlico, and Vance) for SFY 07-08 and will remain the same each year.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes X (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No \_\_\_\_\_

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal \_\_\_\_\_ State 100% County \_\_\_\_\_

**Mandated Program:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

**NC General Statute references:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Related web links for this program:** <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/childandfamilyteams/>  
<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2005/Bills/Senate/HTML/S622v0.html>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

The estimates reflect the same level of funding for SFY 2009 that is available for SFY 2008.

**Program Name: 50 Child Support Enforcement Services (IV-D)**

**Brief Program Description:**

**Projected Expenditures**

The estimate of anticipated administrative requirements for the operation of the local IV-D programs that are county operated for SFY 2010 is \$86,743,909. Although the federal match for expenditures is 66%, there are expenditures relating to incentives that are not eligible for federal match. Therefore the percentage that is reflected on the estimates is off slightly due to the accounting of incentive funds that are treated as 100% federal dollars.

**Other Program Impacts**

Recent federal legislation, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA), continues to impact the Child Support Enforcement program. This legislation included several provisions, such as a reduction of the arrearage amount that triggered passport denial from \$5,000 to \$2,500; changes in distribution rules; collection fees; medical support; and use of the Federal Income Tax Refund Intercept Program to collect past due child support on behalf of children who are no longer minors. Although the majority of the impacts have already been implemented, medical support and distribution issues have yet to be addressed in ACTS.

The DRA Legislation also required medical support states to charge an annual \$25.00 fee to never TANF assistance cases where the collections within one year exceed \$500.00. Effective October 1, 2007 clients that have never received TANF assistance are charged a \$25.00 fee each year the collection on their case exceed \$500.00. For more detail:

[http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/cse/man/CSEcB-04.htm#P736\\_68404](http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/cse/man/CSEcB-04.htm#P736_68404)

All computers, printers, software or other computer related items are the responsibility of local DSS. Currently, the state provides some computers, printers and other software to locally operated CSE offices through the Seat Management Contract. Counties remain under the same guidelines as the State in that if a Seat Management computer, printer, software or other computer equipment is not available through Seat Management, the County is responsible for purchasing a replacement and all future costs related to the replacement.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No  X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 66% State 34% County \_\_\_\_\_

**Mandated Program:** Yes  X  No \_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:** 110 Article 9

**Related web links for this program:**

[http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/cse/man/CSEcB-04.htm#P736\\_68404](http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/cse/man/CSEcB-04.htm#P736_68404)

[www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/cse](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/cse)

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes   X   (receive ongoing) No        (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

2010 services are projected to remain consistent with past performance.

**Program Name: 51 Offset — IV-D Incentive**

**Brief Program Description:**

**Incentive Payments**

In FFY 2002 the State began to earn incentive payments based on North Carolina's performance as compared to the other states in the nation. The areas of comparison are paternities established or acknowledged in relation to the number of children born out-of wedlock, percent of cases with support orders, percent collected of current support owed, percent of cases with collections toward arrears, and the cost effectiveness of the program. This new incentive program was phased-in over a three-year period with the final implementation in FFY 2002.

Once the state earns its incentive award, the amount is passed down to the counties administering the local IV-D Program. The pass down process mirrors the federal incentive program with each local office's earnings based upon their program's performance in comparison to the other local Child Support Offices in the state.

Incentive funds earned cannot be used to supplant local dollars. The Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement, Action Transmittal 01-04 discusses the reinvestment phase-in process for incentive earned, and the procedure used to determine what is considered the base amount of local dollars invested by the state or county in their child support program. It can be found at the following Internet address: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cse/pol/AT/2001/at-01-04.htm>

The base dollars are calculated by determining the average of FFY 96, 97 and 98 local shares of child support expenditures less the average of FFY 96, 97, and 98 child support incentive earned. In a memo dated May 13, 2002 all local child support program administrators were notified of their base investment dollars.

Based on the passage of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, effective October 1, 2007, the performance incentive funds can no longer be utilized as match to draw federal dollars. Incentive money passed through to the local agencies must be used as 100% county funds. These funds when spent must be claimed on the DSS-1571 form under the new non-reimbursable IV-D incentive fund code.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No   X  

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal  100%  State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

**Mandated Program:** Yes   X   No \_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:**  110 Article 9

**Related web links for this program:**

<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cse/pol/AT/2001/at-01-04.htm>  
[www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/cse](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/cse)

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes   X   (receive ongoing) No        (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

2010 incentives are projected to remain consistent with past performance.

**Program Name:** 52 Food and Nutrition - Workfare

**Brief Program Description:**

The purpose of Food and Nutrition Services Workfare is to ensure that able-bodied Food & Nutrition Services recipients are involved in meaningful work-related activities that lead to paid employment. These services involve work in public and private non-profit agencies by Food and Nutrition Services recipients for no pay. In order to receive benefits, recipients work a specified number of hours per month. The hours are figured by dividing the FNS benefit by the minimum wage. The counties that operate Workfare are Mitchell and Surry.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 50% State\_\_\_\_\_ County 50%

**Mandated Program:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No X

**NC General Statute references:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Related web links for this program:** <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/foodstamp/index.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No\_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

The increase in cost would be based on the increase in the FNS recipients in the 2 counties that run a Workfare program.

**Program Name:** 53 Food and Nutrition - Employment & Training

**Brief Program Description:**

The Food and Nutrition Services Employment and Training (E&T) is to ensure that designated FNS recipients are involved in meaningful work-related activities which lead to paid employment. Local DSS offices refer mandatory E&T participants to the ESC office or community college for assessment and assignment to activities to meet the program requirements.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No  X

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal  50%  State \_\_\_\_\_ County  50%

**Mandated Program:** Yes  X  No \_\_\_\_\_

**NC General Statute references:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Related web links for this program:** <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/foodstamp/index.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes  X  (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

Cost of the E&T program is based on FNS caseload.

## **Program Name: 54 Work First County Block Grant**

### **Brief Program Description:**

The federal government gives states flexibility in how to use their Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds. To provide counties the flexibility needed to provide effective services, State law provides for counties to receive these funds via their Work First County Block Grant.

The Work First County Block Grant provides counties funding for a number of initiatives, only one of which is employment services for parents receiving a Work First payment. The block grant also provides funding for child welfare services and child care.

Work First Services (including some child welfare services) and administration are funded through block grants to counties. Total funds are allocated according to the formula outlined by the General Assembly, which provides funds according to each county's program expenditures in SFY 1995/96 in comparison with statewide program expenditures for SFY 1995/96. As in previous years, all expenditures through the WFCBG will be funded with either 100% TANF dollars or 100% state/county Maintenance of Effort dollars. The Division of Social Services has developed instructions to counties to describe the types of services that may be funded from each source.

### **Maintenance of Effort**

Under the State law, the State and Standard Counties must maintain spending at 100% of 1996-97 budgeted amounts for allowable (qualified) activities. Electing Counties have the option of reducing their spending to 90% of 1996-97 budgeted amounts. State law also contains a provision allowing counties to reduce their MOE spending if they can demonstrate they are meeting the needs of eligible families. (See **108A-27.12(e)**; **108A-27.13**)

### **Child Welfare Services (TEA)**

Because of the funding tie to the former IV-A Emergency Assistance Program, counties have the capability to use Work First Block Grant funds to fund a number of child welfare services. To avoid potential confusion with Work First program requirements, 100% federal TANF funding and associated eligibility requirements for child welfare services is referred to as "TEA". TANF regulations allow 100% federal funds to be used to provide a broad range of services that were authorized under the state's 1995 approved AFDC-EA program as long as the same eligibility factors exist and are well documented. The primary eligibility requirements for TEA (100% TANF federal) are a child living with a parent or specified relative (or having lived with a parent or specified relative within six months of eligibility determination) and the existence of an emergency situation. Once the child is determined to be eligible for TEA funding, funding for any service under TEA may not last longer than 364 days unless a different crisis occurs. TEA does not replace IV-E eligibility. If a child is IV-E eligible, IV-E funds must be used for all IV-E allowable activities.

TEA funding is available for CPS In-Home Services. The same eligibility requirements for TEA funding exist when such funds are used to provide CPS In-Home Services. An example of the appropriate use of TEA for CPS In-Home services is when the family is receiving CPS services, but the child is not considered a reasonable candidate for foster care placement. The family may be experiencing difficulties in parenting, but the difficulties are not of such severity as to endanger the child's safety. In such instances, the child would not qualify for IV-E funding because one of the major requirements for IV-E funding for CPS In-Home Services is that the child be a reasonable candidate for foster care placement. The use of TEA to fund CPS In-Home Services is not extensive as most agencies provide services only to those parents who are experiencing severe to intensive parenting problems. Consequently, most CPS In-Home Services families have children who are considered reasonable candidates for foster care placement absent effective preventive efforts by the agency and thus meet the IV-E eligibility requirements. The use of TEA funds for appropriate children in CPS In-Home Services provides agencies with another way to serve families' needs with greater flexibility.

### **Child Welfare Services (MOE)**

County departments of social services may also use their Maintenance-of-Effort (MOE) funds to provide certain specified child welfare services. Eligibility factors are:

- 1) The service must meet the first TANF purpose: "to provide assistance to income-eligible families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives". Workers must document how provision of the MOE funded service meets this TANF purpose,
- 2) The child must be a US citizen or qualified alien,
- 3) The child must be living with a parent or specified relative, and
- 4) Family's income cannot be higher than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level for that size family.

MOE funds are available for families receiving CPS Assessment as long as the family meets the MOE eligibility requirements. MOE funds are also available for CPS In-Home Services when the family meets the MOE requirements. The same rationale for use of TEA funding for CPS In-Home Services is the same for MOE funding. In order for MOE funds to pay for CPS In-Home Services, the MOE eligibility requirements must be met and documented. The same rationale for use of MOE for CPS In-Home Services exists for those families who may need CPS services from the agency, but the degree of severity of the problems do not threaten the safety of the child. As with TEA funding for this service, there has not been extensive use of these funds. As such, the child is considered a reasonable candidate for foster care placement and IV-E funding is the mandated funding source for such children.

### **Enhanced Return From Collections**

Enhanced funding in the Work First Cash Assistance Program for fraud and client error overpayment collections will continue. It will be earned as follows:

- Set-Off Debt Collection (State Tax Intercept)**

State law requires, if a refund is applied against an agency debt that results in an over collection, the over collection plus interest is to be refunded to the debtor. If the total intercepted funds must be refunded, the collection assistance fee must also be included in the refund. The State Controller's Office processes these refunds. All claims, except Agency Errors, will continue to be included in the Set-Off Debt Collection Program. DOR will provide an update on the interest rate every 6 months.

No\_\_\_\_\_

**Mandated Program:** Yes X No       

**Related web links for this program:** <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/workfirst/index.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes   X   (receive ongoing) No        (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Program Name: 55 Work First Functional Assessments**

**Brief Program Description:**

During the 2008 Session, the North Carolina General Assembly approved funding in the amount of \$2,721,787 for the implementation of Work First Functional Assessments for incapacitated and/or hard to serve Work First participants in all 100 counties. This strategy had been implemented by several demonstration grant counties and had shown positive results in working with these populations. Functional Assessments are classified in the following two (2) categories: Functional Evaluation and/or a Vocational Assessment. Please see the below definitions for each category:

- A Functional Evaluation (FE) is an attempt to document a person's ability to work. This is done by any number of procedures, including questionnaires and observations that document the person's ability to perform work from a physical, medical, behavioral or mental perspective. FE is typically performed by facilities specializing in Physical Therapy and/or Rehabilitation Services.
- A Vocational Assessment (VA) is an individualized process that includes gathering data and reviewing information about an individual's abilities, skills, interests and readiness for employment. This is done by several procedures, including psychological and academic testing, observations, interviewing, dexterity and motor skills tests. In many settings vocational assessment is carried out by a team that may include (depending on the setting and person's disability) specialists from fields such as occupational therapy, rehabilitation medicine or psychiatry, psychology, social work, vocational guidance, education and rehabilitation.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes X (Statewide; county funding is allowed until depleted)

No\_\_\_\_\_

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 100% State        County       

**Mandated Program:** Yes X No       

**NC General Statute references:** Session Law 2008-107 Hous Bill 2436, Section 10.17.(a)

**Related web links for this program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes   X   (receive ongoing) No        (If no, give brief explanation): Re-occurring funds needed to provide services to the incapacitated population.

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

From July 2008 to October 2008 the number of incapacitated Work First participants decreased from 938 to 884. However, this number increased to 969 in December 2008. For this reason the funding projection for this program has not changed.

**Program Name: 56 TANF Domestic Violence**

### **Brief Program Description:**

These funds are to be used to provide domestic violence counseling support and other direct services to Work First recipients or families with children who meet the 200% of Federal Poverty guidelines. These services include: 1) identification of victims of domestic violence, 2) development of safety plans, 3) determining the need for Work First program requirement waivers, 4) short-term emergency services that insure client safety, and 5) helping victims relocate to a safe place. These funds cannot be used to establish new shelter programs, or for administration. To appropriately spend these funds, counties must document 1) a child or a family with a child being served by Work First or the child or family must have income at or below 200% of the Federal poverty level, and 2) involved in a domestic violence situation.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes X (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No\_\_\_\_\_

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 100% State        County       

**Mandated Program:** Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No X

**NC General Statute references:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Related web links for this program:** <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/childrenandyouth/index.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): The final funding available to counties is subject to approval by the General Assembly.

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

## B. DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES

**Program Name:** 57 State In-Home Services Fund

**Brief Program Description:**

State In-Home Service Funds are authorized by the General Assembly for county departments of social services to provide in-home aide services, adult day services, home improvement services, and preparation and delivery of meals for at-risk adults, age 18 and over.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes X (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No \_\_\_\_\_

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 87.5% State \_\_\_\_\_ County 12.5%

**Mandated Program:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

**NC General Statute references:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Related web links for this program:**

<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/cobudget/fundauthorization.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

**Program Name:** 58 Adult Day Care Federal & State

**Brief Program Description:**

The State Adult Day Care fund is authorized by the General Assembly for county departments of social services to purchase Adult Day Care and Adult Day Health Services from certified adult day services providers for at-risk adults, age 18 and over.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes X (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No \_\_\_\_\_

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 47.47% State 40.03% County 12.5%

**Mandated Program:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

**NC General Statute references:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Related web links for this program:**

<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/cobudget/fundauthorization.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**



**Program Name: 60 Adult Protective Services – State**

**Brief Program Description:**

The goal of North Carolina's Adult Protection Services Program is to protect disabled adults who have been abused, neglected or exploited. County departments of social services receive and evaluate reports to determine whether disabled adults are in need of protective services and what services are needed to prevent further mistreatment. Evidence of mistreatment is reported to the District Attorney and regulatory agencies, and court action is initiated as necessary to protect disabled adults. Essential services are mobilized to include planning with and supporting the disabled adult and the family or caregiver to identify, remedy and prevent problems that result in abuse, neglect or exploitation.

State Adult Protective Service Funds are to be used to expand the capacity of county departments of social services to provide Adult Protective Services. County departments of social services have to submit applications to request these funds. There are 53 counties currently receiving these funds.

The funds may be used for new APS social worker positions or to fund existing APS positions, provided the funds (SSBG, Medicaid, county funds, etc.) currently used for the existing positions are used to pay for additional social work positions, or social work time in APS that is at least equal to the amount of the State APS Fund allocation. APS staff not funded with this appropriation must continue utilizing SSBG or Medicaid At Risk Case Management Funds.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes X (100% county funds once allocation is spent)

No\_\_\_\_\_

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal\_\_\_\_\_ State 100% County\_\_\_\_\_

**Mandated Program:** Yes X No       

**NC General Statute references:** 108A, Article 6; 10A NCAC 71A

**Related web links for this program:** [www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs)

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

**Program Name: 61 Adult Homes Specialist**

**Brief Program Description:**

The State Adult Home Specialist Fund was established by the General Assembly in SB-10 during the 1999 Session. The \$1,400,000 in State funds was identified for the Fund and allocations were made to county departments of social services where adult care home beds are located. County allocations are based on the number of G.S. 131D-2 adult care homes in each county as a proportion of the total number of homes statewide. These funds are intended to allow county departments of social services to increase the amount of time spent monitoring adult care homes in their county to assure compliance with licensure regulations.

These funds may be used to create new adult home specialist positions in a county department of social services or to increase the full time equivalency of an existing adult home specialist position. The Fund may also be used to upgrade and pay for salary increases to adult home specialist positions re-classified from Social Worker II to Social Worker III.

**Capped Allocation:** Yes X

No \_\_\_\_\_

**Percent Reimbursement:** Federal 50% State 40% County 10%

**Mandated Program:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

**NC General Statute references:** 10A NCAC13G

**Related web links for this program:** <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dhsr/acls/flofch.html> & <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/cobudget/fundauthorization.htm>

**Funds recurring into future years:** Yes X (receive ongoing) No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, give brief explanation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief reason for projected increase/decrease in program costs:**

The 1,400,000 in supplemental funds as allocated by the General Assembly are projected to be the same. Individual counties may expend less or more, depending on the number of licensed facilities in the county. Most counties will have expended this supplemental amount within the first few months of the fiscal year.